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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

WETUMPKA, AL-JULY 1, 2010-District Attorney Randall Houston, of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit on Thursday commented about the situation at Greenetrack where the Governor's Task Force on Illegal Gambling is enforcing orders from the Alabama Supreme Court.

"The Alabama Supreme Court is the state's highest level of legal authority. Complying with its orders is not optional. The Task Force is taking action that is necessary to carry out orders from the Supreme Court. Despite anyone's personal opinion regarding gambling, an officer of the court – be he a judge or lawyer – has an obligation to obey the lawful directives of the court. If an attorney does not comply with court orders, they can be held in contempt or sanctioned by the Alabama Bar Association. A circuit judge has that same obligation to orders of the Supreme Court and should be sanctioned equally for his failure to comply. When the Supreme Court speaks that is the law speaking and when officers of the legal system pick and choose what laws to follow anarchy ensues. I commend John Tyson for following the rule of law in this state," said District Attorney Houston.

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